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In re application of:

BEDNARIK et al.

Appl. No. 08/917,710

Filed: August 26, 1997

For:

Soluble Interleukin-1 Receptor

Accessory Molecule

Art Unit:

1646

Examiner:

Draper, G.

Atty. Docket: 1488.0450001/EKS/GLL



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Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of abandonment of the captioned application. Examiner Kuntz indicated during telephone discussions with Applicants' representatives Eric K. Steffe and Gaby L. Longsworth, that an Office Action was mailed on June 23, 1999. However, no Office Action was received by Applicants. The statutory deadline for response to the outstanding Office Action was December 23, 1999; thus, Applicants respectfully request that abandoned status is withdrawn. *See* M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c) II at 700-87 (2000).

Evidence that the Office Action dated June 23, 1999, was not received by Applicants is provided by the following: 1) a copy of the file jacket of the captioned application (Attachment A); and 2) a copy of the action summary for the captioned application as printed from our computerized docketing database (Attachment B). As can be seen, the file jacket and the docket records do not indicate that an Office Action was received on or about June 23, 1999. *See* 1156 OG 53 (Oct. 25, 1993).

Accordingly, early notice of the withdrawal of abandonment is respectfully requested. Applicants further request that the Office Action be remailed to the undersigned with a new deadline for reply thereto.

Applicants do not believe that a petition fee is required. However, if a petition fee is deemed to be necessary, any such fee is hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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